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## GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-54**

## Drought declaration

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Kansas Water Office has informed me, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2608, of the drought conditions within the state;

WHEREAS, there is every indication that the drought conditions are present across the state;

WHEREAS, these drought conditions will not abate in the near future;

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas Emergency Management' Act (K.S.A. 48-924 *et seq.*) states that the Governor shall be responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and its people from disasters, including drought; and

**WHEREAS**, Director of the Kansas Water Office, in consultation with the Governor's Drought Response Team, is authorized to upgrade a county to emergency status, as the need arises.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby:

- 1. Declare a Drought Watch, Drought Warning or Drought Emergency for the counties below; and
- 2. Authorize and direct all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to implement the appropriate Watch, Warning or Emergency level drought response actions assigned to them in the Operations Plan of the governor's Drought response Team.

<u>Drought Watch counties</u>: Allen, Anderson, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Coffey, Cowley, Decatur, Dickinson, Edwards, Elk, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Johnson, Kiowa, Labette, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Miami, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Norton, Osborne, Pawnee, Phillips, Republic, Rooks, Rush, Sedgwick, Sheridan, Sumner, Trego, Wilson, Woodson, Wyandotte

<u>Drought Warning counties</u>: Barber, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clark, Comanche, Crawford, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman, Jewell, Lane, Logan, Meade, Ness, Rawlins, Sherman, Smith, Thomas

<u>Drought Emergency counties</u>: Finney, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Morton, Scott, Seward, Stanton, Stevens, Wallace, Wichita

County drought stages declared in the Executive Order shall remain in effect until revised or rescinded by a subsequent Executive Order.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 20-54. It shall become effective immediately.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

**DATED** 

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

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